

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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DEBORAH BELLE,
individually, and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., et al.

Defendants.

CIVIL NO. L-02-3309

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Order entered on July 22, 2003, counsel for Plaintiff and Defendants hereby submit the following joint status report:

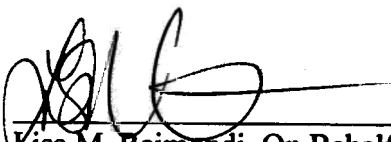
(1) The court has requested a description of the discovery that Plaintiff will conduct relating to the class allegations. Plaintiff has previously served upon Defendants her First Request for Production of Documents and First Set of Interrogatories requesting information, including but not limited to, Defendant's policies and procedures beginning September 11, 2001 and for the year prior to September 11, 2001. Plaintiff's discovery requests also solicit information regarding Defendant's collection and receipt of post-dated checks and the names and addresses of individuals who provided post-dated checks over the telephone to the Defendant prior to and after September 11, 2001

(2) As Plaintiff has already tendered the discovery requests, the parties propose a discovery deadline of ninety (90) days. Defendant will respond to Plaintiff's previously served discovery by September 5, 2003. The parties will have an additional sixty (60) days, or until November 4, 2003, to determine whether or not depositions will be necessary regarding class certification issues.

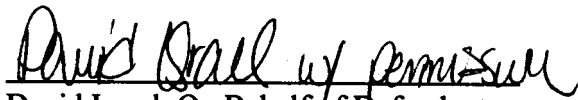
(3) The parties propose that Plaintiff will have twenty-one (21) days, or until November 25, 2003, to submit her motion for class certification. Defendant will have until December 16, 2003, to file its response and Plaintiff will have until December 30, 2003 to reply, if necessary.

DATED: August 4, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF FILING

Please take notice that on August 4, 2003, we caused to be filed with the clerk for the United States District Court, the attached Joint Status Report, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was mailed, first class, postage prepaid, on the 5th day of August, 2003 to the following counsel for Defendants:

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